

(d) The initial expenditure on the investment is the amount of the investment, viz., B. Rs. 45,000. These are the only debentures issued by the Company and their market value cannot be ascertained unless they are offered for sale.

(e) The agreement with the Company is that the scheme will be a public concern, that they were to issue debentures to the extent of B. Rs. 45 000, that the whole of it is to be taken up by the Travancore Government, that the security is to consist of the whole concern and all its property and assets, present and future, including its uncalled capital, and that the amount will bear interest at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent payable half yearly.

The amount is repayable in 1934 according to the terms of the Trust deed entered into between the Government and the Company.

(f) As the amount involved is comparatively small and as it is repayable in 1934, Government do not propose to dispose of the debentures in question.

Promotions and Transfers in the Judicial Department.

97. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Vavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain whether new men from outside the public service have been appointed as *amins* on Rs. 18 or more by any of the judicial officers of the State when copyists in the department on Rs. 15, with equal or superior qualifications for such appointments, were available or were applicants?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to do the needful for giving legitimate promotions and, whenever possible, transfer to their native places or to their neighbourhood the peons, copyists and other employees on small pay in the Judicial Department?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) No such case has been brought to notice. The High Court will be requested to enquire.

(b) The High Court are taking the necessary action, as occasions arise, consistently with the interests of the service.

Toddy and Arrack Shops on the Sea-coast.

98. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that the presence of arrack and toddy shops in the midst of crowded sea-coast villages is a source of demoralisation and disturbance of the peace?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Government are not aware of the existence of any arrack or toddy shop in the midst of crowded sea-coast villages or of any shop being a source of demoralisation or disturbance to public peace.

Malayala Velans.

99. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (a) Are the Government aware of the existence of a separate sect in the State known as Malayala Velans?